



ATTACHMENT B Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a balancing jacket for diving activities, said method comprising the steps of:

manufacturing an inflatable chamber by joining individual two pieces of suitable fabric, each piece having a substantially having a plan C-shape and an opened U-shaped central portion;

manufacturing a separate back element made of fabric having a substantially U-shape; and

fastening the separate back element, around the U-shaped portion of said back element, to the U-shaped central portion of said inflatable chamber, thus obtaining a tubular back-supporting horseshoe structure provided with two tubular end extensions extending forward substantially as a right angle with respect to said horseshoe structure, thus forming two ventral supporting chambers.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for manufacturing a jacket for diving activities according to claim 1, in which the central portion of said chamber is sewn to the edge of the U-shaped portion of said back element.

3. (Currently Amended) A balancing jacket for diving activities ~~comprising~~ comprising:

an inflatable chamber comprising a base element formed from two individual pieces of a fabric joined together, each piece having substantially having a plan C-shape, the and an opened U-shaped central portion; and
a separate U-shaped back element of a fabric fastened to the base element at the U-shaped central portion of said base element being shaped as a U by applying a back element made of fabric having a complementary shape with respect to the U-shape, thus obtaining forming a horseshoe structure with two end portions extending forward substantially at a right angle starting from said horseshoe structure.

4. (Currently Amended) The balancing jacket for diving activities according to claim 3, in which said tubular chamber is made with air-proof fabric, and constitutes the air chamber of the jacket.

5. (Currently Amended) The balancing jacket for diving activities according to claim 3, in which said tubular chamber contains a bladder constituting the air chamber of the jacket.

6. (Currently Amended) The balancing jacket for diving activities according to claim 3, in which said back element is made of a net fabric.